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PRIOR CVPIA AFRP GRANTS TO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES NORTHERN DISTRICT FOR REAL-TIME MONITORING

- FY 1996: "Real-time flow monitoring and feed-back systems for Deer, Mill. Big Chico, and Butte Creeks", Document Control Number 11332-6-0186. In FY 1997, this grant was extended to include two monitoring sites on Antelope Creek. Total AFRP funding was \$391,500.
- 2) FY 2000: "Maintain real-time flow monitors on Antelope, Deer, Mill, Big Chico, and Butte Creeks", Document Control Number 11332-0-5011. Total AFRP funding was \$122,500.

B. Executive Summary

Title of Project: Real-Time Flow Monitoring

Requested Amount: \$711,200

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Project Summary - This project funds the continued operation and maintenance of flow monitoring stations that are part of an effort to assess, acquire, and manage minimum base instream flows in five eastside Sacramento River tributaries. Each of the five tributaries (Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico: and Butte creeks) support at-risk species (including spring-run salmon and steelhead) and each has significantly impaired flows that have been detrimental to the survival of the at-risk species. Flows in each of the five tributaries have been significantly altered and recent restoration plans have identified the need to provide adequate base flows dedicated for instream use. Analysis of flows and diversions shows that the exercise of legal water rights (appropriative, adjudicated, and riparian) often exceeds instream flows critical for spring-run salmon and steelhead migration. Several recent water acquisition projects have been implemented including pumped groundwater exchanges on Mill and Deer creeks, a water exchange and water right purchase on Butte Creek, and a diversion removal on Big Chico Creek. Each of the acquisitions has provided some proportion of a minimum base flow. Additional efforts to determine appropriate instream flows are currently in progress and will require a long-term record of the daily hydrograph for the various reaches of each tributary. This project specifically addresses CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Strategic Goal #1 - At Risk Species, and secondarily Goal #4 - Habitats. It also addresses the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) priority focus on actions for recovery of Sacramento River spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead.

Approach - Base flows that are within the range of the minimum flow range of the natural hydrograph are essential to the restoration and future survival of these spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead populations. Flow monitoring stations have historically been operated on each of the tributaries by water management agencies. However, these data are generally inadequate for determination or management of minimum base flows. Installation and operation of flow monitoring stations specifically targeted for the management of anadromous fish migration will provide the necessary long-term time series data for determination of minimum base flows. Installation and operation of flow monitoring stations specifically targeted for the management of anadromous fish migration will ensure the presence of, and facilitate the management of, dedicated instream flows acquired for anadromous fish.

Location - Project sites are located on Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks encompassing the Butte Basin, and Feather River and Sutter Basin Ecological Management Zones.

Hypothesis - Installation and long-term operation of flow monitoring stations, including sensors for temperature and turbidity, will significantly contribute to the recovery and long-term survival of spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead in Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks.

Uncertainties - It is without question that anadromous fish require minimum instream flows for migration and rearing. However, due to the multitude of lethal and sub-lethal stressors in the migratory pathway, it is impossible to accurately predict the incremental benefit of eliminating a single stressor such as inadequate instream flows.

Expected Outcome - Minimum base flows dedicated for instream use will significantly contribute to the recovery of spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead in Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks.

C. Project Description

1. Statement of the Problem

a. Problem - Flows in five east-side tributaries to the Sacramento River that support sustaining or sporadic populations of spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead are inadequate during key adult and juvenile migration periods (Hallock, R., and W. Van Woert. 1959; Alley, D.W., and Associates, 1996; CDFG, 1998; CH2M Hill, 1998). Various flow acquisition projects have been, or are being implemented to provide minimum base flows (CDFG, 1994a, 1994b; M&T Ranch, 1996). Flow monitoring stations have been operated on each of the tributaries by water resource agencies. However, the historic record is insufficient to effectively analyze flow-related impacts to fish migration (CH2M Hill, 1998). Additionally, the current physical gage placement and management objective of the responsible water resource agencies does not effectively monitor minimum base flows acquired for instream use for fish (CH2M Hill, 1998).

Spring run chinook salmon once inhabited most of the east-side tributaries of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley and may have numbered 600,000 adults (CDFG, 1998). Access to much of the original holding and spawning habitat has been permanently eliminated, initially by early hydropower and agricultural diversion dams, and later by the major water supply and flood control dams. Within the last decade, wild persistent spring-run adult populations have declined to less than 1,300 fish, approximately 0.3% of their historic run sizes. Only three small east-side tributaries to the Sacramento River (Mill, Deer, and Butte creeks) continue to harbor wild persistent populations, while two others (Antelope and Big Chico creeks) support sporadic populations. Additionally, Mill, Deer, and Antelope creeks each harbor small sustaining population of steelhead, and are considered to have the greatest potential for restoration of steelhead in the entire Central Valley (CDFG: 1996). Butte and Big Chico creeks are also believed to support small steelhead populations.

Flows in each of the five tributaries have been significantly altered and recent restoration plans have identified the need to provide adequate base flows dedicated for instream use (CDFG, 1993; USFWS, 1997; ERPP, 1999). Analysis of flows and diversions shows that the exercise of legal water rights (appropriative, adjudicated, and riparian) often exceeds instream flows critical for spring-run salmon and steelhead migration (CH2M Hill, 1998). Several recent water acquisition projects have been implemented including pumped groundwater exchanges on Mill and Deer creeks (CDFG 1994a, 1994b), a water exchange and water right purchase on Butte Creek (M&T Ranch, 1996), and a diversion removal on Big Chico Creek. Each of the acquisitions has provided some proportion of a minimum base flow (Alley and Assoc., 1996). Additional efforts to determine appropriate instream flows are currently in progress, and will require a long-term record of the daily hydrograph for the various reaches of each tributary.

Various flow-monitoring stations have been in place on each of the five tributaries since about 1930. These stations have been operated at various times and locations by the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS), California Department of Water Resources (CDWR), and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), and have generally not provided a consistent enough record for analysis or management of instream flows for fish migration. In addition, needed flow monitoring for the recent instream flow acquisitions, including a need for temperature and turbidity monitoring for some tributaries and reaches, have required entirely new monitoring stations or the addition of sensors and changes in the operation of existing stations. To meet the specific additional fishery management needs, 3 additional stations were installed with 6 total sensors, 9 existing stations were modified to include 12 additional sensors, and 14 stations were modified to include real-time telemetry since 1996 through several Central Valley Project Improvement Act Anadromous Fish Restoration Program grants. Funding for long-term operation and maintenance is now required.

b. Conceptual Model – (1) Spring-run chinook salmon and or steelhead populations historically existed in Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks prior to anthropogenic alterations to the natural hydrograph (CDFG, 1996; CDFG, 1998). (2) Base flows that are within the minimum flow range of the natural hydrograph are essential to the restoration and future survival of these spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead populations (CDFG, 1993; Alley and Assoc., 1996; USFWS, 1997; CH2M Hill, 1998). (3) Flow monitoring stations have historically been operated on each of the tributaries by water management agencies. However, the data are generally inadequate for determination or management of minimum base flows (CH2M Hill, 1998). (4) Installation and operation of flow monitoring stations specifically targeted for the management of anadromous fish migration will provide the necessary long-term time series data for determination of minimum base flows (CH2M Hill, 1998). (5) Installation and operation of flow monitoring stations specifically targeted for the management of anadromous fish migration will ensure the presence of, and facilitate the management of, dedicated instream flows acquired for anadromous fish (CDFG, 1994a, 1994b; M&T Ranch, 1996). (6) Minimum base flows dedicated for instream use will significantly contribute to the recovery of spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead in Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks (CDFG, 1993; CDFG, 1996; USFWS, 1997; CDFG, 1998; ERPP, 1999).

This project specifically addresses CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Strategic Goal #1 - At Risk Species, and secondarily Goal #4 - Habitats, and CVPIA Limiting Factor #2, Instream Flows and Temperatures.

c. Hypothesis - Installation and long-term operation of flow monitoring stations, including sensors for temperature and turbidity, will significantly contribute to the recovery and long-term survival of springrun chinook salmon and steelhead in Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks.

Known - (1) Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks harbor populations of state and federally listed salmon and steelhead (CDFG, 1996; CDFG, 1998). (2) Instream flows in each of the tributaries are often inadequate or non-existent during key migration periods for the listed salmon and steelhead (CH2M Hill, 1998). (3) Legal water rights in each of the tributaries at key times exceed stream flows or exceed minimum instream flow requirements for passage of anadromous fish (Alley and Assoc., 1996; CH2M Hill, 1998). (4) Instream dedicated flows for passage of anadromous fish have been acquired through various agreements in Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks (CDFG, 1994a, 1994b; M&T Ranch, 1996). (5) The hydrographic records for each of the tributaries is inadequate to accurately assess the total minimum instream flow necessary for anadromous fish passage (CH2M Hill, 1998). (6) Existing management and measurement of flows, as provided by the USGS or CDWR in key reaches of each tributary, are not sufficient to consistently monitor flows to ensure passage of anadromous fish (CH2M Hill, 1998). (7) Flow measurement stations have either been modified or new stations installed in key reaches of each tributary for the management of anadromous fish passage. (8) Changes in flow and turbidity as predictive cues for migration of yearling spring-run salmon in Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks were incorporated into the Delta Operations Sacramento River spring-run Salmon Protection Plan for the period 1997-1999, and will likely continue as a requirement of subsequent State and federal incidental take permits (CALFED, 1998).

Results/Expected Results - (1) Flow measurements at the newly installed or modified gaging stations on Butte Creek are being incorporated into conditions of a Bureau of Reclamation water right exchange agreement, and a permanent filing with the State Water Resources Control Board for dedication for instream use under Water Code sections 1707 and 1725 et seq. for the newly acquired 40 cubic feet per second for anadromous fish passage. (2) Flow measurements at the newly installed or modified gaging

stations on Butte Creek have been and are being incorporated into management agreements with landowners and water districts that have installed fish screens and fish ladders throughout the entire anadromous reach. (3) Flow measurements at the newly installed or modified gaging stations on Mill and Deer creeks are being used to provide real-time flow management input to the completed Mill Creek Water Exchange agreement and to the interim Deer Creek Water Exchange Agreement. (4) Flow and turbidity measurements at the newly installed or modified gages on Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks were used by the Delta Operations Sacramento River Spring-Run Protection Plan for the period 1997-1999, and were instrumental in the operation and management of the Delta Cross Channel gates. (5) Long-term reach specific flow, temperature, and turbidity measurements for each tributary will provide a basis for future flow acquisitions and flow management for anadromous fish. (6) Long-term reach specific flow, temperature, and turbidity measurements for each tributary will significantly contribute to the recovery and future survival of spring-run salmon and steelhead populations in Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks.

d. Adaptive Management – (1) Evaluation of the long-term reach specific flow, temperature, and turbidity measurements for each tributary will allow for the addition, elimination, or relocation of monitoring stations or sensors to better manage flows for anadromous fish passage. (2) Long-term reach specific flow, temperature, and turbidity measurements will allow for more discrete flow management decisions.

2. Proposed Scope of Work

- **a.** Location of Project(s) The proposed gaging stations on Antelope Creek, and the existing gaging stations on Mill and Deer creek are located entirely within Tehama County, and ecozone 7, Butte Basin. The gaging station on Big Chico Creek is located within Butte County, ecozone 7, Butte Basin. The gaging stations on Butte Creek are located within Butte, Colusa, and Sutter counties and ecozone 7, Butte Basin, and ecozone 8, Feather River and Sutter Bypass. (See Table 1 for a list of the stations, data type, and latitudes and longitudes, and Map 1 for the general location.)
- h. Approach This grant will provide for the continued partial or complete operation and" maintenance of 16 stream gaging stations and associated telemetry equipment. Operation and maintenance will include the following. (1) Perform periodic station visits to inspect, maintain, calibrate, and replace station equipment as necessary, and to download all data-logger recorded sensor time series data. (2) Perform monthly discharge measurements, when stream conditions allow, to establish and maintain stage vs. discharge relationships (rating curves). (3) Process field collected data after each station visit including uploading recorded time series data to a computer database, inspection and correction of recorded data caused by sensor drift or malfunction, verification of discharge measurements and rating curve shifts, and relaying of shift data to the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC). (4) Perform annual review and updating of discharge rating curves. (5) Perform annual computation of discharge time series data and certification of all collected time series data including water stage, temperature, and turbidity. (6) Perform maintenance of long-term database for all collected time series data.

CDWR has adopted the USGS standards established for stream gaging. The USGS has published numerous technical manuals describing their field and office task quality assurance procedures (USGS, 1967 – 1981, 1982).

There are three criteria for testing the hypothesis: (1) in the short-term (3 to 5 years) do the gage records demonstrate compliance with water acquisition and management agreements, (2) in the medium

term (3 to 10 years) do the gage records provide the time series information necessary for more specific flow acquisition volumes, (3) in the long-term (5 to 50 years) does the telemetry data contribute to the long-term survival of spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead.

c. Monitoring and Assessment Plans - This project funds the continued operation and maintenance of previously installed flow monitoring stations or sensors that are part of an effort to assess, acquire, and manage minimum base instream flows in five eastside Sacramento River tributaries. Each of the five tributaries (Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks) supports at-risk species (including spring-run salmon and steelhead) and each has significantly impaired flows that have been detrimental to the survival of the at-risk species.

Measures of success of this project are: (1) flows acquired for instream use are intact as demonstrated by the real-time telemetry, and as summarized in the long-term database, (2) telemetry time series data are being utilized for additional flow acquisitions, (3) spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead populations in each of the watersheds have recovered and long-term survival is insured.

- **d. Data Handling and Storage** All time series data from the 16 existing gaging stations are currently being telemetered on a real-time basis to the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) website where they can be viewed or downloaded. Telemetered data available through CDEC is not reviewed or edited and is considered preliminary and subject to revision. All time series data is normally downloaded in the field from the gaging station data-loggers on a monthly basis and is then reviewed and corrected, if necessary, for sensor drift or malfunction. Reviewed and corrected data is then stored in the Department of Water Resources surface water computer database. Final publishable time series data for the entire water year (October September) is usually available to interested parties in hard copy or electronic format three to six months after the end of the water year
- **e. Expected Products/Outcomes –** Once the time series data has been finalized, CDWR will prepare an annual report presenting average daily value tables for the entire water year for all time series data including water stage, discharge, temperature, and turbidity. These annual reports will be accessible to interested parties through CDWR's website. More detailed final data (15-minute recording interval for stage, discharge, and temperature, and hourly interval for turbidity) will be available by request to CDWR.
- **f.** Work Schedule This proposal is for the continued operation and maintenance of the stream gaging stations and sensors previously installed and the two Antelope Creek stations that are expected to be installed in fiscal year 1999-2000 for a five-year period. The starting date will be October 1,2000 and end September 30,2005. An annual report will be prepared by March 1 of each year summarizing the stream gaging data. If the entire project cannot be funded, it is recommended to decrease the years of funding rather than delete sensors or stations.
- **g. Feasibility** The project was originally funded in 1996 and 1997 to provide for station, sensor, and telemetry installation, and operation and maintenance for three years. A fourth year of funding for operation and maintenance was provided in 1999. Subsequent water acquisition and flow management agreements (CDFG, 1994a, 1994b; M&T Ranch, 1996; CALFED, 1998) have demonstrated the feasibility and absolute need for continued funding for this project. All environmental compliance, permitting, and access issues were addressed during initial installation.

D. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA Priorities

- 1. ERP Goals and CVPIA Priorities This project specifically address Ecosystem Restoration Strategic Goal #1 At Risk Species, and secondarily Goal #4 Habitats. It also addresses the CVPIA priority focus on actions for recovery of Sacramento River spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead. Each of the five tributaries (Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks) support either sustaining or remnant populations of the State and federally listed spring-run chinook salmon and the federally listed steelhead. Additionally, each of the tributaries support fall-run chinook salmon, and potentially late fall-run chinook salmon. Recent studies in the lower reaches of Butte and Big Chico creeks have identified rearing ofjuvenile chinook salmon (all races) and steelhead, not natal to either tributary (Maslin et al., 1997, 1998, 1999; CDFG, 1999). These studies have demonstrated that juvenile salmon (all races) and steelhead frequently enter and rear in the lower reaches of tributaries other than where they were spawned (non-natal rearing). A key bottleneck is the human altered flow regime, particularly in the valley reach of each of the tributaries, which affects adult migration and juvenile rearing and migration. This project provides needed long-term real-time discrete reach monitoring for management and protection of existing flow acquisitions, as well as long-term time series data for additional flow acquisitions.
- 2. Relationship to Other Ecosystem Restoration Projects. This project was originally implemented, and continues to function to provide accurate real-time monitoring of various recently implemented flow acquisitions, and for more definitive analysis of flow versus fish passage for future instream flow acquisitions. The three most recent restoration plans (Restoring Central Valley Streams: A Plan for Action, CDFG 1993; Revised Draft Restoration Plan for the Anadromous Fish Restoration Program: A Plan to Increase Natural Production of Anadromous Fish in the Central Valley of California, USFWS 1997; and Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan, CALFED 1999) have identified instream flows for anadromous fish passage as a priority action for the five tributaries included in this project. Management and protection of recent flow acquisitions on Mill Creek (CDFG, 1994b), Deer Creek (CDFG, 1994a) and Butte Creek/Big Chico Creeks (M&T Ranch, 1996) are dependent upon monitoring as provided by this project. Additionally, recent fish screen and fish ladder projects on Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks are dependent upon flow acquisition and flow monitoring to ensure effective operation of each structure.
- 3. Requests for Next-Phase Funding. This project was initially funded by the CVPIA AFRP (FY 96 and FY 97) to install new or modify existing monitoring stations and to operate and maintain these stations which were to be located on Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks. The two grants (FY 96, \$331,000 and FY 97, \$60,000) were to install two new monitoring stations and five sensors on Antelope Creek; modify one and install one new station with a total of three new sensors on Mill Creek; modify one and install two new stations with a total of six new sensors on Deer Creek; modify one station with two new sensors on Big Chico Creek; modify six stations with a total of seven new sensors on Butte Creek; install satellite radio telemetry at 16 stations for all new and existing sensors; develop stage vs. discharge relationships for the three new stations and the existing Big Chico Creek station; and operate and maintain all new stations, sensors, and telemetry systems. As of January 1,2000, all new stations, sensors, and telemetry systems were installed and operating except those for Antelope Creek. Station installation and operation on Antelope Creek is currently dependent upon decisions by resource managers on future anadromous fish restoration actions and needs in coordination with local landowners and stakeholders. An additional CVPIA AFRP grant (FY 2000, \$122,500) was provided for ongoing operation and maintenance of the monitoring stations through September 30,2000 as an interim measure until long-term funding is secured.

- **4. Previous Recipients of CALFED or CVPIA funding.** CVPIA AFRP funding was provided in FY 96, "Real-time flow monitoring and feed-back systems for Deer, Mill, Big Chico, and Butte creeks", Document Control Number 11332-6-0186 (\$331,000); FY 97, "Install Stream Flow Gages and Thermographs in Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Streams", an extension of the FY 96 grant (\$60,000); and FY 2000, "Maintain Real-time Flow Monitors on Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks", Document Control Number 11332-O-JOH (\$122,500). See #3 above for details.
- **5. System-Wide Ecosystem Benefits.** Each of the tributaries included in this project have numerous man-made diversion structures that impact anadromous fish migration. Each of the diversions was either previously modified with adult and juvenile passage structures (fish ladders and/or fish screens), or is included in current restoration plans for installation of these passage structures. Function of each of the passage structures is dependent upon adequate base instream flows, and is equally dependent upon the ability to accurately measure and monitor flows on a real-time basis. This project provides the real-time monitoring and assurance that passage structures are functioning. Additionally, each of the tributaries included in this proposal has a variety of associated water rights (adjudicated, appropriative, riparian) which are variously monitored and enforced by the respective legal entity (local superior court or State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights). Recent experience has demonstrated that local water right holders regularly monitor instream flows and the availability of their respective water rights through the use of the real-time monitoring stations provided by this project. An ancillary benefit of the public availability of telemetry information is that water right holders, as well as other interested stakeholders, can monitor flows and thus provide a less confrontational incentive for all right holders to comply with their respective rights. Another benefit of this project has been the use of real-time telemetry information (flow and turbidity) on Mill, Dear, Big Chico, and Butte creeks as a key component of the CALFED Operations Group Sacramento River Spring-run Chinook Salmon Protection Plan. That plan, which was in effect from 1997-1999, used the real-time telemetry to identify migration cues for the onset of fall/winter yearling spring-run salmon migration to guide Delta operations.

E. Qualifications

The following are brief biographical sketches of the principal participants in this project and their current duties. This group has demonstrated its ability by successfully installing and maintaining the highly technical sensor, recording, and telemetry systems required during the first four years of this project.

John Clements (Proposal/Project Manager):

Senior Water Resources Engineer

Twenty-six years of state service with the California Department of Water Resources, last eight years as chief of the CDWR Northern District Watermaster and Surface Water Unit. Current duties include managing the District's Watermaster and Surface Water Measurement Programs.

Bachelor of Science Degree, CSU Chico, Civil Engineering. CA Professional Engineering License.

Lester Grade:

Water Resources Engineer, Range B

Three years of state service with the California Department of Water Resources, Northern District Watermaster and Surface Water Unit. Current duties include acting as lead person in operating 28 stream gaging stations (Red Bluff group).

Bachelor of Science Degree, Cal-Poly State University San Luis Obispo, Agricultural Engineering.

Steve Graham:

Water Resources Technician II

Sixteen years of state service with the California Department of Water Resources, last six years with the Northern District Watermaster and Surface Water Unit, Sutter Field Office. Current duties include acting as lead person in operating 23 stream gaging stations (Sutter group).

Trudy Payne:

Water Resources Technician II

Twenty-one years of state service, last four years with the California Department of Water Resources, Northem District Watermaster and Surface Water Unit, Sutter Field Office. Current duties include assisting lead person in operating 23 stream gaging stations (Sutter group).

Kevin Taylor:

Water Resources Technician I

Three years of state service with the California Department of Water Resources, Northern District Watermaster and Surface Water Unit. Current duties include serving as Watermaster for Butte Creek and assisting lead person in operating 28 stream gaging stations (Red Bluff group). Bachelor of Science Degree, U. C. Davis, Soil and Water Science.

F. cost

- **1. Budget** This proposal is requesting funding for the continued complete or partial operation of 16 of the 18 stream gaging stations used in the monitoring program for a five-year period (Federal Fiscal and Water Years 2000-01 through 2004-05). Table 1 lists the 18 stations and includes columns for Data and Telemetry Type for each station. Various agencies are funding certain station sensors and telemetry under their own stream gaging programs. These are identified in the Data and Telemetry Type columns by regular fonts. Proposed funding by CALFED/CVPIA for specific sensors and telemetry are identified by bold fonts. Proposed CALFED/CVPIA funding for the first year is \$128,700. Since the operation of the stations and sensors requires about the same labor hours, equipment, and supplies from year to year, proposed funding for the following years was estimated as the cost of the first year plus 5% inflation each year. See Table 2 for a detailed budget.
- **2.** Cost Sharing The estimated full cost for the annual operation of the 18 stream gaging stations for FY 2000 is about \$258,000. Many of the stations and sensors were operating prior to the initiation of the Real-Time Flow Monitoring Program. Estimated funding for the stations from other agencies under their own stream gaging programs is as follows:

	FY 2000	FY 2001-2005
Agency	Funding (\$)	Funding (\$)
CDWR	\$82,000	\$476,000
USGS	\$45,000	\$262,000
PG&E	\$8,000	\$46,000
	Total \$135,000	\$784,000

Estimated funding from other agencies for Fiscal Years 2001 through 2005 also assumes 5% inflation each year. The cooperating agencies can not provide assurance of the future funding for the continued operation and maintenance of any given station or sensor at this time.

G. Local Involvement

This project was initiated with, and continues to have the full support of organized watershed groups including the Mill Creek Watershed Conservancy, Deer Creek Watershed Conservancy, Butte Creek Watershed Conservancy, and the Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance. Additionally, local water diverters including individual landowners, water districts, irrigation districts, reclamation districts, duck clubs, and water management agencies support this project. Included are the Los Molinos Mutual Water Company on Mill and Deer creeks, the Deer Creek Irrigation District and Stanford Vina Irrigation Company on Deer Creek, and the City of Chico and M&T Ranch on Big Chico Creek. Along Butte Creek, supporters include PG&E, M&T Ranch, Parrott-Investment Company, Durham Mutual Irrigation Company, Rancho Esquon Partners, Gorrill Ranch, Western Canal Water District, Reclamation District 1004, Butte Sink Waterfowl Association, White Mallard Duck Club, Reclamation District 70, Butte Slough Irrigation Company, and the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service Sacramento Refuge Complex.

Public outreach has been and continues to be primarily the public availability of the real-time telemetry information.

H. Compliance with Standard Terms and Conditions

The California Department of Water Resources will comply with all state and federal standard terms. According to Table D-1 of the CALFED 2001 Proposal Solicitation Package, no state proposal or contract forms from the California Department of Water Resources are required at this time. Federal Form 424 is attached to the back of this proposal.

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J. Threshold Requirements

The Letters of Notification, Environmental Compliance Checklist, and Land Use Checklist are attached to the back of this proposal. According to Table D-1 of the CALFED 2001 Proposal Solicitation Package, no state proposal or contract forms from the California Department of Water Resources are required at this time. Federal Form 424 is attached to the back of this proposal.

Appendix Next Phase Funding Real-Time Flow Monitoring

Project Description - This project funds the continued operation and maintenance of previously installed flow monitoring stations that are part of an effort to assess, acquire, and manage minimum base instream flows in five eastside Sacramento River tributaries. Each of the five tributaries (Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks) supports at-risk species, including spring-run salmon and steelhead, and each has significantly impaired flows that have been detrimental to the survival of the at-risk species.

Scientific Merit

Hypothesis - Installation and long-term operation of flow monitoring stations, including sensors for temperature and turbidity, will significantly contribute to the recovery and long-term survival of spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead in Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks.

Known – (1) Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks harbor populations of state and federally listed salmon and steelhead (CDFG 1996; CDFG, 1998). (2) Instream flows in each of the tributaries are often inadequate or non-existent during key migration periods for the listed salmon and steelhead (CH2M Hill, 1998). (3) Legal water rights in each of the tributaries at key times exceed stream flows or exceed minimum instream flow requirements for passage of anadromous fish (Alley and Assoc., 1996; CH2M Hill, 1998). (4) Instream dedicated flows for passage of anadromous fish have been acquired through various agreements in Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks (CDFG, 1994a, 1994b; M&T Ranch, 1996). (5) The hydrographic records for each of the tributaries is inadequate to accurately assess the total minimum instream flow necessary for anadromous fish passage (CH2M Hill, 1998). (6) Existing management and measurement of flows, as provided by the USGS or CDWR in key reaches of each tributary, are not sufficient to consistently monitor flows to ensure passage of anadromous fish (CH2M Hill, 1998). (7) Flow measurement stations have either been modified or new stations installed in key reaches of each tributary for the management of anadromous fish passage. (8) Changes in flow and turbidity as predictive cues for migration of yearling spring-run salmon in Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks were incorporated into the Delta Operations Sacramento River spring-run Salmon Protection Plan for the period 1997-1999, and will likely continue as a requirement of subsequent State and federal incidental take permits (CALFED, 1998).

Adaptive Management – (1) Evaluation of the long-term reach specific flow, temperature, and turbidity measurements for each tributary will allow for the addition, elimination or relocation of monitoring stations or sensors to better manage flows for anadromous fish passage. (2) Long-term reach specific flow, temperature and turbidity measurements will allow for more discrete flow management decisions.

Current Status - This project was initially funded by the CVPIA AFRP (FY 96 and FY 97) to install new or modify existing monitoring stations and to operate and maintain these stations which were to be located on Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks. The two grants (FY 96, \$331,000 and FY 97, \$60,000) were to install two new monitoring stations and five sensors on Antelope Creek; modify one and install one new station with a total of three new sensors on Mill Creek; modify one and install two new stations with a total of six new sensors on Deer Creek; modify one station with two new sensors on Big Chico Creek modify six stations with a total of seven new sensors on Butte Creek; install satellite radio telemetry at 16 stations for all new and existing sensors; develop stage vs. discharge relationships for the

three new stations and the existing Big Chico Creek station; and operate and maintain all new stations, sensors, and telemetry systems. As of January 1, 2000, all new stations, sensors, and telemetry systems were installed and operating except those for Antelope Creek. Station installation and operation on Antelope Creek is currently dependent upon decisions by resource managers on future anadromous fish restoration actions and needs in coordination with local landowners and stakeholders. An additional CVPIA AFRP grant (FY 2000, \$122,500) was provided for ongoing operation and maintenance of the monitoring stations through September 30,2000 as an interim measure until long-term funding is secured.

Existing Data Collection and Monitoring - All time series data from the 16 gaging stations **are** currently being telemetered on a real-time basis to the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) website where they can be viewed or downloaded. Telemetered data available through CDEC is not reviewed or edited and is considered preliminary and subject to revision. All time series data is normally downloaded in the field from the gaging station data-loggers on a monthly basis and is then reviewed and corrected, if necessary, for sensor drift or malfunction. Reviewed and corrected data is then stored in the Department of Water Resources surface water computer database. Final publishable time series data for the entire water year (October – September) is usually available to interested parties in hard copy or electronic format by request to CDWR three to six months after the end of the water year.

TABLE 1

REAL-TIME FLOW MONITORING

STATION LIST AND DATA TYPE

No.	Stream	Name / Site	Operating Agency	ID Number	1/ Data Type	2/ Telemetry Type	County	Latitude	3/ Longitude
1 [Antelope Creek	Above all diversions 4/	DWR		S-O-TP-TB	CDEC	Tehama		
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3	Mill Creek	Near Los Molinos	USGS	11381500	\$ - D - TP	CDEC	Tehama	40-03-17	122-01-23
4	Mill Creek	Below Highway 99	DWR	A04420	S-D-TP	CDEC	Tehama	40-02-26	122-06-12
5	Deer Creek	At Highway 32	DWR	A43180	S-D-TP	CDEC	Tehama	40-15-53	121-27-00
6	Deer Creek	Near Vina	USGS	11383500	S-D-TP-TB	CDEC	Tehama	40-00-51	121-56-50
7	Deer Creek	Below Vina Dam	DWR	A04325	S-D-TP	CDEC	Tehama	39-57-48	122-02-01
8	Big Chico Creek	Near Chico	DWR	A42105	S-D-TP-TB	CDEC	Butte	39-46-06	121-46-38
9	Butte Creek	Toadtown Canal 5/	PG&E	BW-12	S-D-TP	CDEC	Butte	39-53-09	121-38-35
10	Butte Creek	Near Chico	USGS	11390000	S-D-TP-TB	CDEC	Butte	39-43-34	121-42-28
11	Butte Creek	Parrott Diversion 6/	DWR	A41105	\$-D	CDEC	Butte	39-42-35	121-45-01
12	Butte Creek	Near Durham	DWR	A04265	S-D-TP	CDEC	Butte	39-40-41	121-46-35
13	Butte Creek	Below Western Canal	DWR	A04158	S-D-TP	CDEC	Butte	39-33-26	121-50-03
14	Butte Creek	At Colusa/Gridley Road	DWR	A04140	S-D-TP	COEC	Butte	39-21-43	121-53-30
15	Butte Slough	At Outfall Gates 7/	DWR	A02967	S-D-TP	CDEC	Colusa	39-11-44	121-56-04
16	Butte Slough	Near Meridian	DWR	A02972	S-D	CDEC	Sutter	39-10-41	121-54-24
17	Willow Slough	At S.B. West Borrow Pit.	DWR	A02943	S-D	CDEC	Sutter	38-54-53	121-37-38
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4/ Overhead at 56% of sum of salaries and benefits. Normal DWR Northern District overhead at about 65% 3/ Benefits at 50% of salaries.

6/ Equipment includes replacement Items over \$1,000 per unit such as lap-top computers, data-loggers, satellite radios, and stage, temperature, 5/ Lump sum payable to USGS for annual cost of temperature data for three stations (\$6,000) and turbidity data for two stations (\$20,000)

and turbidity sensors.

8/ Project management includes Unit Chief (Senior Engineer at \$35 per hour) tracking of expenditures, review of final annual data and report, 7/ Supplies includes expendable items such as staff gages, batteries, solar panels, current meter parts, and general office supplies. and data collection and analysis procedures.



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NORTHERN DISTRICT 2440 MAIN STREET RED BLUFF, CA 96080-2398



May 15,2000

Mr. John Blacklock Clerk for the Board of Supervisors County of Butte 25 County Center Drive Oroville, California 95965

Dear Mr. Blacklock:

The California Department of Water Resources is submitting a proposal for funding to CALFED to provide real-time flow monitoring for spring-run chinook salmon on five east-side tributaries to the Sacramento River including Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, and Butte creeks.

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Enclosed is a copy of DWRs proposal. CALFED requires notification to local governments of all CALFED proposals.

If you have any questions or require additional information about the proposal, please contact John Clements at (530) 529-7369.

Sincerely.

Dwight P. Russell, Chief

Northern District

NORTHERN DISTRICT 2440 MAIN STREET RED BLUFF. CA 96080-2398



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